Dyess, Griffith are wed

Mrs. Howard Morgan Griffith

The marriage of Mary Frances Dyess to Howard Morgan Griffith took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Hebron Baptist Church in Appomattox with the Rev. Gary Threatt, pastor of the church , and the Rev. Carl Patton, former pastor of the church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monroe Dyess of Appomattox. The bridegroom is the son of Charlotte B. Griffith of Salem.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Colleen Michele Morley of Baltimore, Md., was maid of honor and attendants were Mrs. Randall Hanson of Roanoke, sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. James Frederick Mitchell of Newport News and Donna Volturo of Farmville. LeEllen Jennings of Zebulon, N.C., cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Robert Andrew Brugh of Salem was best man and ushers were Lt. Robert Monroe Dyess Jr. of Appomattox, brother of the bride; John Person of East Lansing, Mich., and Ryland Craft of Gate City.

The bridge is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and received a B.S. degree in nursing from Lynchburg College. She is employed as a registered nurse by Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley.

The bridegroom was graduated from Andrew Lewis High School, Emory and Henry College and received his J.D. degree from Washington and Lee University. He is practicing law in Roanoke.

The couple will live in Salem.

Mitchell, Guill are married

Mrs. Dennis Ray Guill

(Photo by Joe Vaughan)

The marriage of Kathryn Ann Mitchell to Dennis Ray Guill took place Saturday, April 21 at 2 o'clock at Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox. Dr. Daniel E. Scott, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maymond L. Mitchell, Sr. of Appomattox. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Guill, Sr., also of Appomattox.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Mrs. Rhonda M. Banton, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The attendants were Miss Victoria Banton, niece of the bride, Miss Sue Thomas, Mrs. Nancy O'Brien, Mrs. Pam Weakley and Mrs. Mary Ann Freshwater, all of Appomattox.

Mr. Edward Guill, Sr., father of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Joseph Guill, brother of the bridegroom; Ronnie Eagle, uncle of the bridegroom; Victor Banton, brother-in-law of the bride; Jeffrey O'Brien, cousin of the bride; and John H. Ranson Jr., all of Appomattox.

Miss April Banton and Miss Heather Banton, nieces of the bride, were flower girls. Master Shane Weakley served as ring bearer.

A program of music was presented by Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan, organist, and Mr. James Beaty III, soloist.

Following the ceremony the bride's parents entertained with a reception in the church fellowship hall.

Following their wedding trip, the couple will live in Appomattox.

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Silage questions can be difficult

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Making a decision on what crop or combination of crops to use for silage can be difficult. The Piedmont Research Station at Orange has released the average yields for the years 1981, 1982, and 1983 for eleven crops. Yield is calculated on tons per acre 65% water or 35% dry matter.

1. Corn alone early planting 19.93 tons
2. Corn and forage sorghum 18.97 tons
3. Corn alone late planting 20.92 tons
4. Soybean alone 8.15 tons
5. Grain sorghum alone 14.44 tons
6. Grain sorghum and soybean early harvest 11.94 tons
7. Grain sorghum and soybean late harvest 12.42 tons
8. Grain sorghum and soybean early harvest 12.70 tons
9. Grain sorghum and soybean late harvest 15.33 tons
10. Grain sorghum and soybean early harvest 14.80 tons
11. Grain sorghum and soybean late harvest 14.65 tons

Treatments 6 and 7 used 8 pounds SB 1099 grain sorghum and 1 bushel FFR 559 soybeans. Treatment 8 used 8 pounds Pioneer 8311 grain sorghum and 1 bushel York soybeans. Treatments 9 and 10 used 15 pounds Pioneer 8311 grain gorghum and 1 bushel York soybeans. Treatment 11 used 15 pounds Pioneer 8811 grain sorghum and 2 bushels York soybeans.

Seed treatments for corn insect control provide an inexpensive method of dealing with specific crop pests when a soil insecticide is not used at planting. Seed germination in cool soils is slow. Seed corn maggots and occasionally seed corn beetles may reduce stands by directly attacking the seed. Following is representative products. Read the label directions before applying. These products protect the seed, but do not prtiect seedlings.

Diazinon 50½ WP for corn–½ oz. per bushel of seed–may need to add ½ oz. of graphite per bushel as lubricant. Controls seed corn maggot.

Lorsban 50-SL or 25-SL for corn–2 oz. or 4 oz. respectively per 100 pounds of seed as slurry treatment. Controls seed corn maggot and seed corn beetle.

Isotox Seed Treater (F) contains Lindane and Captan–for corn 8 oz. per 100 pounds of seed.

[illegible] may interfer with the electronic monitor in air planters. A commercial slurry treatment is recommended for certain type planters.

Much of the orchardgrass seed used in Virginia comes for the pacific northwest. Some lots may contain 3% or more annual ryegrass seed. If there is more than 5%, the seed lot must be labeled as a mixture. Lots testing less than 5% will show ryegrass as "other crop seed."

Orchardgrass with as much as 4% ryegrass and when 10 pounds are seeded per acre, this will amount to .4 lb. per acre of ryegrass or enough ryegrass seed for 2 per square foot. Ryegrass is agressive and at this rate will give the appearence of a solid field of ryegrass and will completely overpower the orchardgrass. If this should happen, keep the ryegrass from going to seed and hope enough orchardgrass services for a stand. Annual ryegrass will die out after the first year.

You are urged to read the label and steer clear of seed lots containing high percentage of other crop seed.

Fruit trees need to be sprayed if quality fruit is to be produced. Fruit that is free of insects and disease is a worthy goal for home orchardist.

A good general purpose spray for a one gallon mix is two Tablespoons Captan 50% WP + three Tablespoons Malathion 25% WP plus two Tablespoons Methoxychlor.

There are other materials that may be added for specific situations such as Benlate for stone fruits for the 3 and 1 week before harvest for brown rot control.

Sulfur for powdery mildew control on apples.

For mites on peaches and apples, two sprays of Kethane at 7 day intervals.

Sevin may be substituted for Methoxychlor beginning in early June if Japanese beetles become a problem.

There are other special situation materials.

Ferbam is important to control black rot on grapes.

I observed Cereal Leaf Beetle adults in small numbers last week. They are mating and laying eggs. Watch for CLB larvae feeding.

ASCS Today

Deficiency payments out

By TOM CONRAD

USDA REPORTS NO DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS REQUIRED FOR 1983 CORN, SORGHUM PROGRAMS

No deficiency payments are due corn and sorghum producers who took part in the 1983 feed grain program, because national average market prices for the two grains were above their established target price levels.

The deficiency payment rate is the established target price minus the higher of either the national weighted average market price for the first five months of the corn and sorghum marketing year (October through February) or the loan rate.

The national average market prices for corn through February were $2.19 per bushel and $2.76 for sorghum. For 1983, target prices were $2.65 per bushel for corn and $2.72 per bushel for sorghum, and the loan rates were $2.65 per bushel for corn and $2.52 per bushel for sorghum.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1982 authorized advance deficiency payments at the time of enrollment for producers participating in the 1983 acreage reduction program. Advance payments of 10½ cents per bushel for corn and 10 cents per bushel for sorghum were made at that time.

The act also provided that any amount paid to participating producers which exceeded the final deficiency payment on the acreage planted shall not be required to be refunded before the end of the marketing year for such crop. The 1983 crop marketing year for corn and sorghum ends Sept. 30, 1984.

FARM PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS REMINDED OF CONSERVATION OBLIGATIONS - Farmers who are participating in 1984 acreage reduction programs for wheat and feed grain are reminded that their diverted acres must be protected from wind and water erosion.

The acreage removed from production is referred to as acreage conservation reserve (ACR) acres to emphasize the conservation aspects of the 1984 programs. We encourage farmers to place their more erosive land in the ACR.

The rules for determining what land will be eligible for the ACR have been discussed with program participants. The basic requirement for 1984 is that land must have been planted in two of the past three years and be productive and would have been in production this year if the farmer were not participating in the program.

The idled acres may not be harvested, and grazing is not permitted between April 1 and September 30, 1984. The land must be devoted to approved conservation uses sufficient to protect it from soil erosion. Insects, weeds, and rodents also must be controlled.

To protect the diverted acres from soil and water erosion, farmers may devote it to a permanent vegatative cover or practice such as trees, sod waterways, filter strips and wind-breaks. If the cover or conservation practices are maintained, the land will be eligible for ACR acres through 1985.

Other approved conservation uses include annual, biennial, or perennial grasses and legumes, volunteer stands of ber than weeds, small grains and crop residue from use of no till, or minimum till practices. Additional cover or plantings, particularly those [illegible] also may be [illegible] to meet conservation standards approved by SCS.

Program participants are required to establish conservation practices on cropland taken out of production as soon as possible after the normal planting period for spring crops. Those who fail to maintain the acreage will be out of compliance and could lose program benefits.

Preparedness is the key word in all situations. Help Appomattox County to be prepared. Every little bit helps us continue to be a county of People helping People.

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Edith N. McCormick, Chairman
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CHRIS RANSON (left) is congratulated by Carter Martin.

Ranson, Moore honored

Chris Ranson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie G. Ranson of Pamplin, and Curtis Moore, son of Mrs. Eva C. Moore of Oakville, were recently named first and second place winners in the 4-H Dark Fired Tobacco program.

Chris and Curtis were awarded cash prizes in the amount of $100.00 and $75.00 respectively by Mr. E. Carter Martin representing the Virginia Dark Fired Tobacco Commission.

The 4-H Dark Tobacco Awards program recognizes young people who do an outstanding job with their dark fired tobacco crop and submit a completed project record. The awards are provided by the Virginia Dark Fired Tobacco Commission.

Young people interested in participating in the Dark Fired Tobacco Awards program are asked to contact the Appomattox County Extension Office for a copy of the appropriate project record.

Letters to the Editor

Red Cross needs help now

Editor:

Have you made your donation yet? We need your help to meet our goal of $2,200.00.

If you have not been contacted through your church or others working with the Red Cross Drive, please help us and get your donation to Bill Hunter at Farmers National Bank or Mrs. Edith N. McCormick, Box 180 Spout Spring, Va. 24593.

FFA holds member-parent meeting

The Appomattox Senior Chapter of Future Farmers of America held its annual Parent-Member Banquet Thursday night, April 19, in the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

The banquet is the highlight of the year's work in FFA and was the occasion for the presentation of FFA awards to members who were honored for their work in FFA and adults who were recognized for their contributions to the success of the organization.

The top awards for the evening recognized the chapter's Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman. Lisa Coleman was honored with the Star Farmer Award for her work during the past five years with the family swine operation. Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Coleman of Spout Spring. The chapter Star Agribusiness man award was presented to Cecil Jacob's, who is employed at White's Home and Auto Store. Cecil is the son of Mr. William Jacobs of Appomattox.

Other members receiving awards for their work in FFA included: Lynn Padgett - Best SOEP Business Records; Steven Drinkard - Placement in Agricultrual Production; Kenneth McClenny - Beef Production; Cecil Jacobs - R.N. Ashworth Agricultural Mechanics Award; Bob Poole - Diversified Livestock Production; Cat Ballowe - Leadership; Lynn Padgett - Poultry Production; Lisa Coleman - Swine Production; and Larry Harris - Tobacco Production.

In addition to the members awards, three adults were selected for induction as Honorary Chapter Farmers for their contributions and support for FFA. Those elected to honorary membership included Mr. Frank Sweet of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ballowe, parents of chapter president Cat Ballowe. The Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree is the highest honor that a local FFA chapter may bestow upon any non-FFA member.

State FFA Vice-President from the Southside Area, David Winston, brought greetings to the members and guests on behalf of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America. The banquet was presided over by chapter president Cathryn Ballowe. Chaplain, Curtis Moore gave the invocation for the meal of North Carolina style barbecue pork, fried chicken and brunswick stew. Sentinel, Lee Moore welcomed the guests and members and 1st Vice-President Cecil Jacobs introduced the guests.

The program for the evening was the presentation of a slide show, "Keeping America on the Grow," which is this year's national FFA theme. The show presented the many ways that FFA works toward training members for their roles in the community and the future. Following the meeting, door prizes which had been donated by local merchants were presented by a drawing.

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